

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Final Office Action dated January 31, 2008, claims 8 – 10 and 14 were allowed and claims 1, 2, 4 – 7, and 15 – 20 were rejected. In response, claims 1, 2, 4 – 7, and 15 – 20 have been canceled. Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the application in view of the canceled claims and the below-provided remarks. No claims have been amended or added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 8 – 10 and 14 are allowed.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4 – 7, and 15 – 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bly et al. (U.S. Pat. Publ. No. 2004/0042399 A1, hereinafter Bly) in view of Agrawal et al. (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2003/0081546, hereinafter Agrawal). Claims 1, 2, 4 – 7, and 15 – 20 have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicants submit that these claims are canceled without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

Since no other rejections remain, a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account **50-3444** pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.25. Additionally, please charge any fees to Deposit Account **50-3444** under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21.

Respectfully submitted,

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